THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): To prevent pilferage of canal waters, steps, such as, rotational water supply, association of farmers with water management and adoption of proper irrigation scheduling are being undertaken.

Based on the results of recent research, methods like providing Wind Breakers, Covering Water Surface, Reducing Exposed Surface and Surface Treatment with Chemical Retardants, are being tried for reducing evaporation losses.

Restriction on the import of CTA based medical X-ray films

2085. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN;

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the Directorate General of Health Services recommended in 1988 for restricting the import of CTA based Medical X-ray firms which are indigenously manufactured; and

(b) if so, by when the import of these films is likely to be stopped?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The forthcoming new Import & Export policy will be laid on the Table of the House on 30th March, 1990. It is, therefore, premature to disclose details about the policy regime for these items at this stage.

Raid at the premises of customs officials

2086. SHRI PASUMPON THA-KIRUTTINAN.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY-

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Times of India of the 11th August, 1988 about raids at the premises of Customs Officials; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to probe into the conspiracy against the concerned Customs officer and the nine idividuals?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) and (b) Government had seen the news item which appeared in the Times of India of the 11th August, 1988. Investigations by CBI are still in progress.

Aluminium project in Andhra Pradesh

2087. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVA. JI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up Alumina/Aluminium project, in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what -ire the details thereof and at what stage the proposal rests at present?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) and (b) A feasibility report to set up 2. 3 million tonnes per annum Bauxite Mine in Andhra Pradesh for export to USSR prepared jointly by the Indian and Soviet experts, was considered in the Working Group under the lndo-Soviet Joint Commission in December, 1987 and by the Empowered Body of the Soviet and Indian experts in April, 1989. U. S. S. R. have now informed that Bau-